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LONDON FOR LAMBRAKIS

1. SUMMARY: SINCE INDO-U.S. JOINT COMMISSION IS STILL IN PROCESS OF ORGANIZATION AND FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS HAVE NOT YET BEEN HELD, THERE IS LITTLE EXPERIENCE TO DATE AND NO "LESSONS OF HISTORY" TO SHARE WITH FCO. YOU MAY TELL FCO, HOWEVER, THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS EMPHASIZED HIS STRONG PERSONAL INTEREST IN JOINT COMMISSION ACTIVITIES AND THAT USG IS COMMITTED TO SEEKING MEANINGFUL RESULTS IN THE JOINT COMMISSION FIELDS OF COMPETENCE. WE BELIEVE INDIANS SHARE OUR VIEW ON REAL POTENTIALITIES FOR COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES UNDER AEGIS OF JOINT COMMISSION. YOU MAY ALSO BRIEF FCO ON DETAILS OF JOINT COMMISSION PER TEXT OF AGREEMENT AND FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS. WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE NO VIEWS ON APPROPRIATENESS OF JOINT COMMISSION APPROACH FOR INDO-UK RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

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2. FORMAL AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING A JOINT COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL, SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION WAS SIGNED ON OCTOBER 28, 1974,

DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT TO NEW DELHI. (TEXT BEING AIR POUCHED TO LONDON.)

3. THREE JOINT SUBCOMMISSIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO CARRY OUT JC'S PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS. FIRST MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS - (1) ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL, WASHINGTON, JANUARY 20/21; (2) SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL, WASHINGTON, JANUARY 27/28/29; (3) EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL, NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 3/4/5.

4. CO-CHAIRMAN OF THREE SUBCOMMISSIONS ARE (1) ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL, FINANCE SECRETARY M.G. KAUL AND EB ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS; (2) SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL, VICE-CHANCELLOR OF NEHRU UNIVERSITY NAG CHAUDHRY AND OES ASSISTANT SECRETARY RAY; AND (3) EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL, FORMER VICE-CHANCELLOR OF NEHRU UNIVERSITY G. PARTHASARATHY AND ROBERT GOHEEN, CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS.

5. JOINT COMMISSION CONSISTS OF U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE AND INDIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER PLUS SUCH OTHER REPRESENTATIVES AS THEY MAY DESIGNATE. FULL COMMISSION WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON MARCH 13/14 DURING CHAVAN VISIT HERE. KISSINGER

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